UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 12-17-74

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG

Attached is a proposed letter to captioned individual. Incoming correspondence was addressed to the Deputy Attorney General dated 11-27-74, and was received by the FOIA Unit on 12-6-74.

It will be recalled Weisberg's initial lawsuit, referred to in his letter, concerned spectrographic analyses made by the FBI for the Warren Commission in connection with the Kennedy assassination. This suit culminated in an appeal to the Supreme Court, which on 5-13-74 denied certiorari, leaving the District of Columbia Circuit Court decision which upheld our withholding the documents under the exemption provisions of Section (b)(7), FOIA (investigatory files).

Weisberg now reinstitutes his request under the amended FOIA which limits the former investigatory files exemption to certain enumerated categories and types of information, none of which initially appear applicable to the material Weisberg requests. He additionally requests results of neutron activation testing, but specifies he is interested only in final reports, not raw materials or Laboratory work.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. That the Laboratory Division review the request of Weisberg for the purpose of identifying reports and material requested, and furnish the FOIA Unit with observations regarding the volume of material requested and any unusual cost factors regarding release of the information.

Enclosure - letter sent 12/19/74

1 - Mr. Adams - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. White - Enclosures (2)
Atten: Mr. Frazier
1 - Mr. Mintz

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